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January 4, 1999, now U. S. Patent No. 6,061,274 issued May 9, 2000 and this application claims the benefit of the filing date of such patent application Serial No. 09/224,701 as to any subject matter contained in such patent application Serial No. 09/224,701 which is claimed in this patent application under the provisions of 35 U. S. C. Section 120.--

In The Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

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sub 24. (NEW) The system interface recited in claim 1 wherein the messaging network comprises a switch network having a plurality of ports, each one of the ports being coupled to a corresponding one of the plurality of first and second directors.

25. (NEW) A system interface comprising:
a plurality of first directors;
a plurality of second directors;
a data transfer section having a cache memory, such cache memory being coupled to the plurality of first and second directors;
a messaging network comprising a switch network having a plurality of ports, each one of the ports being coupled to a corresponding one of the plurality of first directors and second directors, such message network being operative independently of the data transfer section; and
wherein the first and second directors control data transfer between the first directors and the second directors in response to messages passing between the first directors and the second directors through the messaging network to facilitate data transfer between first directors and the second directors with such data passing through the cache memory in the data transfer section.

26. (NEW) A system interface comprising: